

Whether it is buildings, roads, airports, parks, vocational schools, community colleges, or universities, most physical infrastructure in Ohio today is attributable directly to Gov. Jim Rhodes. The simple fact is that you can't drive anywhere in Ohio without driving on or driving past something that Jim Rhodes built—something with which he had a role to play. Without question, he will continue to touch lives every day in many, many ways.

Most people don't realize that when Ohio first elected James Rhodes as Governor, it was his 13th political race. It was because of this, because of the vastness of his experience, that he was able to govern so effectively for all of us in Ohio.

It is often said that the greatness of a man can be measured by the extent and the breadth of his interests and then how he acts on those interests to turn them into reality. By that test, Governor Rhodes was indeed a great man. His interests were Ohio's interests and, because of that, he was passionate in promoting Ohio's economy, its tourism, its natural resources, its schools, and its universities.

While that was such an important part of his legacy, we must remember that Governor Rhodes was also equally passionate in his concern for people—for all the people of the State of Ohio. No matter where he went in Ohio, everyone always thought Governor Rhodes was from where they were from. Though he was born in Jackson County and went to high school in Springfield and was mayor of Columbus, for us, he was from Greene County, and he was from Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo, Marietta, and every other township, village, and city in our great State.

He was one of us. He was one of us not just because he got so much done for the State; he was one of us because he knew people, understood them, and he liked them. And people liked him back. That is what made Governor Rhodes a great leader and a great man.

I will always remember Governor Rhodes for his personal generosity. He was generous with his time, energy, and especially, with his political advice. Back in 1980, when I ran for the State senate in the old 10th Senatorial District, Governor Rhodes came down and campaigned for me on four separate occasions. That was just the start. He continued to support me throughout the last 20 years, even campaigning for me in Jackson County, his home county, this past October, just a few days before the election.

The people of Jackson County were happy to see him one more time.

I admired Governor Rhodes, and I respected him. I especially respected his strong and enduring love for his wonderful family. That was such a large part of who Jim Rhodes was. He cherished the time he spent at home with his family, often advising others to go home. If you asked him for political advice, he would say: My advice is go home—and he did that.

He was married to his beautiful wife Helen for 46 years and every time I saw the Governor, whether at an Ohio State football game, or at his beloved State fair, he had one or more of his grandchildren or great grandchildren with him. He loved his family dearly, and it showed.

As Chesterton once said:

Great men take up great space even when they are gone.

To be sure, Governor Rhodes will continue to take up great space on this Earth, not just in buildings and roads, airports and parks, but in the lives he touched and the lives he changed. He will continue to live on for the great work he has done for Ohio and will also continue to live on through his family.

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today with my distinguished colleague, the senior Senator from Ohio, to introduce a resolution mourning the passage and honoring the life of former governor of Ohio, James A. Rhodes. Governor Rhodes passed away last Sunday at the age of 91.

Governor Rhodes began his career in public service in 1937, when he was elected to a term on the Columbus board of education. Two years later, he was elected Columbus city auditor and in 1943, he was elected Mayor of Columbus. In 1952, he successfully ran for State Auditor and in 1962, he ran for Governor of Ohio and won. He ultimately served the citizens of Ohio for four terms as governor.

As my interest in politics began to spark, Governor Rhodes' public service inspired me to also pursue a life of service to the people of Ohio. He was my mentor and without his example and counsel I could never have become governor of Ohio. In fact, I would not have had a career in government had it not been for Jim Rhodes' sweeping reelection victory in 1966. He had very long coattails, because he carried an unknown 30-year-old named GEORGE VOINOVICH to victory in an Ohio House district that was 6 to 1 democrat-to-republican. He furthered my career along when in 1978, he turned to me—a relatively unknown County Commissioner from Cuyahoga County—and asked me to be his running mate as Lieutenant Governor. Since then, Jim Rhodes and I grew close and my time with him over the years was some of the most meaningful of any person I have associated with in government.

Mr. President, they broke the mold after James A. Rhodes entered the political arena. There never will be another like the Governor, and he will go down in Ohio history not only because of the 16 years he served as governor, but more importantly, because of the positive impact he had on the quality of life of Ohio's citizens and the direction of our State.

He was a good, God-fearing man who looked on his service in government as an opportunity to give witness to the Second Great Commandment—love of fellow man. He never forgot his roots in the coal fields of southeastern Ohio.

He wrapped his arms around all Ohioans. He was inclusive and reached out to everyone, regardless of stature in life, economic status, religion or color of skin.

Because of his humble beginnings, he understood the importance of providing an education to every man, woman and child in Ohio, whether it was a public education or a non-public education. He initiated the Ohio Auxiliary Services program, and because of his efforts, today, there is no state in the nation that does as much for non-public schools as Ohio. He brought Ohio's higher education system into the 20th century. His goal of having higher education within the grasp of every Ohioan—that is, no more than 30 minutes away—changed the face of higher education forever, and enabled millions of Ohioans to get the education so essential to their economic well-being.

His mantras—"jobs and progress" and "profit is not a dirty word in Ohio"—will never be forgotten by any politician who wants to be successful in Ohio. There are thousands of Ohioans working today because of the businesses the Governor brought into this state.

Jim Rhodes had his priorities in order, and his number one priority was his family. Jim Rhodes will always be a role model to me because of the way he treasured his family and encourage me and all who knew him to take care of their families. Jim's wife Helen, his daughters and their husbands, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren were paramount in his life. He always had a special twinkle in his eye when he talked about this family.

Mr. President, Governor James A. Rhodes spoke to the basic needs and yearnings of the people of Ohio; he loved Ohio, and Ohio loved him. We may have lost him in body, but he will always be with us in spirit. Ohio will never forget Jim Rhodes.

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 56) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The text of the resolution is located in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic leader, pursuant to Public Law 106-550, announces the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the James Madison Commemoration Commission Advisory Committee: Gary G. Aguiar of South Dakota, and Jack N. Rakove of California.